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## **COUNCIL APPROVES \$154,000 TO BOOST CLINICAL SUPERVISION, SECURITY AT KRAHNKE CENTER**

The Montgomery County Council today acted to improve operations at the Betty Ann Krahne Center for women and children who are victims of domestic violence by approving \$154,000 to upgrade clinical services and security at the facility.

The improvements, approved unanimously by the Council, implemented recommendations by a community review panel convened after Councilmember Phil Andrews received complaints from center residents regarding security, sanitary, and clinical treatment issues.

The \$154,000 supplemental appropriation would add a full-time Clinical Supervisor, a Crisis Counselor, and a Child Activity Specialist. It would upgrade the positions of three Residential Aides and increase from part time to full time the Child Therapist position. Also, the funds would be allocated for additional staff training and to install an intercom system at the center.

"Victims of domestic abuse deserve the very best center that this County can provide to help them in their time of need," said Councilmember Andrews, who chairs the Council's Public Safety Committee. "Providing effective clinical help for women and their children will help us meet that goal."

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